

## House Resolution 1230

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup> and Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Rita A. Sheffey; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Rita A. Sheffey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 the vital role that she has played in the legal community and her deep personal commitment  
4 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a partner at Hunton & Williams, LLP, Ms. Sheffey was honored by Emory  
6 University School of Law with an Unsung Devotion to Those Most in Need Award from the  
7 Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC) at the 2010 Inspiration Awards Ceremony and  
8 Reception; and

9 WHEREAS, founded in 1988, EPIC promotes awareness and increases understanding of  
10 public interest law, encourages and facilitates the employment of Emory students in public  
11 interest legal positions, and raises money to provide grants to students so that they may work  
12 with public interest programs during the summer; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Sheffey's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the Atlanta  
14 Bar Association, an organization with which she has served as secretary, chairperson of the  
15 Celebrating Service Committee, cochairperson of the Pro Bono Committee and the One  
16 Child One Lawyer Pro Bono Program, and as a member of the Board of Directors and  
17 Executive Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, she has diligently and selflessly devoted her time, talents, and energy to helping  
19 others through her work as a member of the Supreme Court of Georgia's Equal Justice  
20 Commission Committee on Civil Justice, and as past president of the Atlanta Legal Aid  
21 Society, Inc., and the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Inc.; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Sheffey has dedicated over two decades to the field of law and public  
23 service which has been recognized by the legal community with such awards as an

24 Outstanding Woman in the Profession Achievement Award from the Atlanta Bar Association  
25 Women in the Profession Section, a 2004 H. Sol Clark Pro Bono Award from the State Bar  
26 of Georgia, and an E. Randolph Williams Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service; and

27 WHEREAS, she stands as president and chairperson of Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc., and  
28 serves on the Board of Trustees for Boys Speak Out, Inc.; and

29 WHEREAS, the honorable deeds and selfless actions of this distinguished Georgian serve  
30 as a shining example of volunteerism, and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to  
31 have Ms. Sheffey as a citizen.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend Ms. Rita A. Sheffey on her volunteer efforts and  
34 contributions, extend to her their most sincere gratitude for her decades of efficient, effective,  
35 unselfish, and dedicated service, and congratulate her upon her most recent honor of an  
36 Unsung Devotion to Those Most in Need Award from Emory University School of Law's  
37 Emory Public Interest Committee.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Rita A. Sheffey.